

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING

WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY

September 4, 2014

PRESENT:

Director, Guy Russo

Assistant Director, Robert Young

Chief Engineer, Joseph Fazzino

Chairman, Dale Aldieri

Vice Chairman, Scott Bishel

Councilmatic Representative, David Bauer

Councilmatic Representative, Hope Kasper

Commissioner Jack Pieper

I. Open Meeting (started at 7:00pm)

1. Public Hearing

Chairman Aldieri opened the public portion of the meeting and asked if there were anyone from the public present to be heard.

Since no one from the public was present to be heard, Chairman Aldieri closed the public portion of the meeting.

II. Reports, Minutes and Correspondence

1. Minutes of Special Meeting of July 24, 2014

Councilmatic Representative Kasper would like to amend the minutes regarding Kleen Energy and would like to recommend inclusion of cost per pension burden and it was agreed to calculate and add costs to the budget sometime in the fall 2014.

Councilmatic Representative Bauer wanted to make an amendment to the minutes regarding striking the second sentence about Assistant Chief Engineer Holden taking some family medical leave. Director Russo agreed the rest of this paragraph after this sentence be struck.

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Bishel and seconded by Commissioner Giuliano to amend and approve the Minutes of the Special Meeting of July 24, 2014. Motion was approved unanimously.

2. Letter to Brian Armet @ Mattabassett District-Re:Water Line Assumption of Ownership of a portion of a 10-inch Cast Iron Water Line

This letter was for informational purposes only.

3. Nitrogen Credits

This was for informational purposes only.

III. Transfers/Fund Updates

1. Monthly Fund Balance Report-August

This report was for informational purposes only.

IV. Old Business

1. Durham Water Update

There was no further information to give on this matter at this time.

2. Mattabassett Update

Director Russo indicated that the regionalization that we are going through eventually once Director Russo speak with Mattabassett there is going to have to be a realignment of the water main around junction bolt #3 for the directional drilling. We may end up relaying 100 feet of water main around this junction chamber.

Councilmatic Representative Bauer brought up the issue about our Middletown volunteers who are members of the Mattabassett District Board, that the District Board will be looking into getting members paid for their attendance. He also stated that this month positions will be assigned, as well, as Middletown finally integrates into the Mattabassett District. There were further discussions on this matter.

Director Russo then indicated that there is a conflict with utilities, since the area is an older urban area with conflicts, the contractors are having a hard time starting work, as well as, the movement of utilities poles. Director Russo stated that the contractor notified the department and has switched their work plan and the first directional drill from under the Arrigoni Bridge to the Courthouse, and the drill rig should be here by October 1st. The Project Engineer has requested that the railroad tracks be removed in the area of the drilling. Director Russo stated that they had met with Providence and Worchester on Tuesday at 10am and have an agreement with them in regards to removal of the tracks. Director Russo also got a price to move the 10 utility poles, which would be around \$200,000. There were some further discussions on this matter if there will be any impact of

removal of the tracks and according to Director Russo there will not be any economic impact.

Additional installation work of the 30-inch ductile piping will be started September 15th per Director Russo. This will start at DeKoven Drive and work its way down behind the movie theater and then go all the way down past Connecticut Rental Center, which markings have already been put into place. Director Russo further stated money is still an issue and that \$1.5 million is being held in the General Sewer Fund for this construction project.

3. Kleen Energy-Update

Director Russo indicated that a pump was lost/broke at Kleen Energy. Director Russo stated that the department is still working on getting Milone and McBroom under contract, they are the original designers, and he would like for them to come and take a look at the pump since there has been no issues on our end until now.

Director Russo then stated that Kleen Energy paid their July bill on the last Friday before Labor Day and the bill came with a letter to the Mayor, which they asked the Mayor to sign saying that they intend to arbitrate the rate and calculated the rate what they think should be paid and paid 30% of what the actual bill was for. Director Russo indicated that because of this a meeting was scheduled with the City Attorney since Kleen Energy may have defaulted on the contract. Director Russo will let the WPCA know the outcome at the next scheduled meeting, and will also raise to the City Attorney the issue of the tax stabilization agreement, and check the companion document to see what representations were made. There were some further discussions on this matter.

V. New Business

1. CNR Water

Deputy Director Young gave a brief update of the Water CNR that he drafted. The Water CNR was for informational purposes only.

A motion was made by Councilmatic Representative Bauer and seconded by Councilmatic Representative Kasper to give the authority to approve the CNR Water transfer plan as presented and forward it with our recommendation to the Common Council. Motion was approved unanimously.

2. CNR Sewer

Deputy Director Young then gave a brief update of the Sewer CNR. The Sewer CNR was also for informational purposes only.

A motion was made by Councilmatic Representative Bauer and seconded by Commissioner Giuliano that the Water Pollution Control Authority accepts the Sewer CNR

plan as presented with the purchase of the Jet Vac equipment removed. Motion was approved unanimously.

A motion was then made by Councilmatic Representative Bauer and seconded by Commissioner Giuliano to postpone consideration of the purchase of the Jet Vac machine until the regular WPCA meeting of December 2014. Motion was approved unanimously.

3. Pre-purchase pumps for Patneaude Pump Station

Director Russo stated that he has been speaking with the manufacturer, XYLEM/FLYGT Pumps, and they have reduced their price by 20% and that would give us the pump we want and we would use part of the \$1.5 million that we have from the GSIF to cover the purchase of these pumps.

Director Russo then stated that they had considered since we had the GSIF funding about putting in for the second screening unit that would cost about \$475,000 depending on who gives us bids. Director Russo indicated that he spoke with the Building Committee but since they don't have the funds to cover the costs of a direct purchase of the pumps, without DEEP funding, they wanted to ask if the WPCA would consider in helping pay. If a second screen is within budget the reimbursement of the second screen would be eligible for repayment from DEEP. There were some further discussions on this matter.

A motion was made by Councilmatic Representative Bauer and seconded by Councilmatic Representative Kasper to approve the alternative pump purchase strategy as presented by the Director and forward to the Mattabassett Building Committee with the WPCA recommendation and that such final price would come back to the WPCA for their ultimate approval. Motion was approved unanimously.

4. DEEP - Dam Inspection

Director Russo indicated that by the end of the year the DEEP Dam Inspections have to be completed and the department is currently talking with Tata & Howard to get a pricing proposal, since they are now doing Dam Inspections. Director Russo indicated that once he obtains a price for the inspections he will get in touch with Director, Bill Russo of Public Works to give him an update on pricing. Director Russo indicated that our dams that need to be inspected are Laurel Brook, Roaring brook, and Higby. Public Works dams are Pamachea, Butternut, and Ravine that also have to be reported to DEEP by the end of the year, as well. There were some further discussions on this matter. No action is required at this time.

VI. Staff Reports

Deputy Director Young went into further details about his staff report for July to the WPCA. His report was for informational purposes only.

Chief Engineer Fazzino then indicated that Mark IV will be working on the water main on Main Street and then went into further discussion about this project. Chief Engineer Fazzino then went into details about his staff report for July, as well. There were some further discussions about his report. This report was for informational purposes only.

Lastly, Director Russo indicated that we had an audit from EPA last week. Director Russo stated that some areas we did well, however other areas such as in record keeping like GIS and mapping etc. the department did not go well. Director Russo further stated that he is going to figure out how to handle the GIS and bring it to Common Council for their approval.

VII. Adjournment

There being no further business, a motion was made by Councilmatic Representative Bauer and seconded by Councilmatic Representative Kasper to adjourn the meeting. Motion was approved. The meeting adjourned at 8:40p.m.

Respectfully submitted: _____
Guy P. Russo
Director of Water and Sewer Department/
Acting Secretary for the W.P.C.A.